



GOVERNMENT OF GUAHAN



Guam Developmental
Disabilities Council

EDDIE B. CALVO
Governor

ROSANNE S. ADA
Executive Director

RAYMOND TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

ERLINDA TYDINGCO
Chairperson

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 10, 2015 11:00am - 2:00pm.

Pacific Star Resort & Spa

The View (Lobby Level)

Tumon, Guam

Members Present:

Amistad, Pollyanna
Arcangel, Theresa, M.A. (Tess)
(Rachelle Paulino substitute)
Ayuyu, Judith
Bitanga, Lourdes
Cabana, Rudy
Eclavea, Rebecca
Fejeran, Maylynn
Guerrero, Josephine (Josie)
Lau, Gabriel
Lazaga, Hikie
Manglona, Thomas
Mendiola, Lourdes (Lou)
Ogo, Lisa

Okada, Zenaida
Parker, Harold (Hank)
Perry, Candice
Puas, Moses
(Alfred Manipol, PCA, Guma Mami)
Servino, Benito (Ben)
Tydingco, Andrew
Tydingco, Erlinda (Lynn)

Members Absent:

Benavente, Katherine (unexcused)
Cruz, Evelyn (excused)
Flores, Joyce (unexcused)
Gombar, Michael (unexcused)
Taitano, Katherine (unexcused)
Torres, Carla (excused)
Tydingco, Catherine (unexcused)
Vega, Rey (unexcused)

Public:

Bondoc, Maria Teresa
Cortez, Josephine
Crisostomo, Jessica
Cruz, Julie
Hapdei, Jimmy (Guma Mami)
Lazaga, Noel
Libria, Cindy (UOG Student)
Mendiola, Clifford

Staff Present:

Ada, Rosanne S., Executive Director
Tedtaotao-Libria, Marie, PC-IV
Sayas, Ray S.N., PC-I

Meeting Chaired By:

Erlinda (Lynn) Tydingco

Call To Order:

The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Lynn Tydingco, Chairperson. Sign-up sheet will be used in lieu of roll call.

I. Review Minutes of March 11, 2015 meeting

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 11, 2015.

MOVED: Andrew Tydingco

Seconded: Josie Guerrero

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

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II. REPORTS:

A. Executive Director's Report: (Detailed report inserted in the folder)

B. Standing Committee Report

- 1) Cross-Cutting Committee – No Report (pending on establishing new Committee Chairperson)
- 2) Children & Families Committee
 - a. Next meeting scheduled for June 30, 2015
 - b. Committee is working on a Parent Training Assessment based on the 5-Year State Plan in conjunction with DOE SPED. The assessment is an evaluation being worked on with Laura Taisipic of DOE.
- 3) Adult Issues Committee: Transit – new proposed Bill, Public Law 85-33
 - a. Proposed by Senator Tom Ada, Chairman Committee on Transportation
 - b. The bill proposes a long term contract for 5 years and is renewable for up to three 5-year terms for a total of 20 years
 - c. The Bill discusses a Public-Private-Partnership whereas GRTA is the Administrator of the Federal Funding and Grants. Whoever is awarded would have to invest and run the entire operations based on the 2015 Transit Business Plan.
 - d. A number of round table discussions have been held. A copy of the Bill can be provided to anyone interested and comments are encouraged. All comments or suggestions given are submitted during the round table discussions. The Bill is in draft format and undergoes changes as various positive inputs are submitted.
 - e. There are a number of concerns with this Bill that affect the current Public Law 30-05: such as addressing current issues as outlined in Public Law 30-05, for example, frozen Federal Funding to award a long-term contract. A bid conference was held on 01/08/2015 to address the multi-step bid process. They were looking at alleviating possible shutdown of operations for June and partial of July as funding from bus fares of \$444,000.00 was able to be secured. This is what is covering the current operations. Once the multi-step bid process is completed, the Transit Authority is looking at having the current frozen Federal Funding released.
 - f. It was asked if the members for the Roundtable Committee have been established and if there are any vacancies. The roster is controlled by Senator Tom Ada's Office. Point of Contact is Charlene. Additionally, it was also asked when the next Roundtable is scheduled. It was stated that the roundtable has sent copies of the Bill to the stakeholders and interested groups such as The DDC and SIÑA. Stakeholders and interested parties take comments and concerns from the general public and then submit at the roundtable meetings. All submissions must be in writing which is then addressed. The first session was a general session. Each proceeding session will only allow for comments on specific sections of the Bill. Additionally, when the bill is discussed, it is addressed on a line-by-line basis. The next roundtable discussion is tentatively scheduled for July. All stakeholders will be notified of the meeting. It was mentioned that the term "commission" and "task force" was not specifically defined in terms of what is the difference. Are you able to be on the task force, but not on the commission, etc? The makeup of the task force was changed as it was requested that the DD Council be included.

C. Executive Director's Evaluation

1. Results of evaluation included in member packets.
2. Received a majority of above average and average ratings.
3. Evaluation was favorable, and as such, the Executive Committee requested via the Governor's Office that the Executive Director be given a one step increment.

III. Old Business

- A. 2015 Budget - \$246,128.00
 1. The 2015 Budget was approved last December and it was a partial allotment.
 2. In our March meeting, the projects were approved with some modifications. The increase in the budget is allocated for contractual projects, specifically the GDDC website and registry maintenance. The registry is covered in the 5-Year State Plan and is set to run for 5 years, expiring in 2016. The Council needs to determine if it is to be continued.
 3. The Executive Committee approved the 2015 Budget with amendments.
 4. Currently, office space for GDDC is budgeted at \$25,000.00. An additional \$25,000.00 has been requested

from local funds for GDDC which we anticipate to be awarded October 2015 (FY-2016). If granted, the funding will be used for lease of additional office space. The current Mangilao office is 1000 square feet in size and is not conducive to hold larger meetings such as the GMM nor is it adequately accessible for wheelchair, etc.

- B. 2015 Transportation Forum
 - 1. Final report on Forum pending submission to GDDC from UOG and will be distributed to Council Members upon receipt.
 - 2. Forum targeted and achieved roughly 70 participants. Received a positive evaluation from forum participants.
- C. 2014 PPR (pending approval from AIDD)
 - 1. Minor clarification of data for Self Advocacy was requested from AIDD.
 - 2. Clarification was addressed and submitted back to AIDD for final approval and anticipate clearance by next month.
- D. March 2015 Awareness Month: the event was a very successful month and thanks and appreciation extended to Tri-Agency Partners (GLSC/DLC and UOG CEDDERS), Sinajana Mayor's Office, and all other organizations who participated.
- E. Nevada Disabilities Conference – 07/20/2015; NACDD Conference – 07/21/2015 to 07/22/2015 (see travel analysis); AIDD TA Institute – 07/23/2015: Conferences are required for the DD Council Chair, Executive Director, and Technical Staff to attend. (see travel analysis).

IV. New Business

- A. Annual Conflict of Interest
 - 1. Last conflict of interest statement was completed several years back.
 - 2. This is to ensure that member files are updated as established by NACDD.
 - 3. Members who currently have less than a year of service are not required to complete the form.
 - 4. New Member Orientation scheduled for July 8, 2015.
- B. VI. Election of Officers for FY 2016-2017 – General Membership Meeting 09/09/2015. (See attached by-laws for Election of Officers)
 - 1. Election scheduled for next GMM to be held on 09/9/2015.
 - 2. Copy of by-laws regarding election of officers distributed to council members.
 - 3. Election will be for the Executive Committee: Chairperson, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, and Secretary.
 - 4. Current Committee Officers expires in September and new Officers to be effective in October 2016 – September 2017.
 - 5. Those interested in running for the Board advised to submit their names for the ballot.

Announcements: (see detailed announcements outlined in agenda)

- Self Advocacy Training: Aside from DOA Training, Self Advocacy Workshop is required by the 5-Year State Plan which runs from 2012 – 2016 and expires next year (currently on 4th year). A RFQ for Self Advocacy Training will be sent out with the requisition being submitted to GSA. The budget for Self Advocacy Training is no more than \$4,000.00.
- Ben Servino, DISID/DVR:
 - (1) Status of IBP – half the applications received have been awarded. Remaining applications are currently under review. Individualized Service Plans are being reviewed and expected to be completed next month. One of challenges being faced is that those individuals who have qualified for IBP have not yet submitted their receipts for purchases.
 - (2) Guam Deaf Expo Celebration Event, July 11, 2015. This will be held at Ypao Beach Pavilion from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Melissa Caden whose parents are both deaf will be doing a documentary regarding people who are deaf and hard of hearing on Guam. The documentary will be submitted as an entry for the FestPac Event.
 - (3) ADA Coordinator's Meeting: meets once every month on a Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm.
 - (4) ADA Anniversary is to be held next month. Proclamation signing has been scheduled for June 29, 2015 10:00am at the Governor's Adelup Complex. A number of activities have been scheduled. Training to be conducted by Carla Torres on how to make your website accessible and how to convert your PDF documents to be accessible under Section 508 requirements. Self Evaluation and Transition Plan Training to be held for all GovGuam Agencies. Reasonable Accommodations Training to be held for a number of private sector employers. Will also work with Guam Legal Services to provide training reference to the rights of individuals with disabilities under the ADA and the process if the individuals wants to file a suit or administrative/grievance complaint. Also looking at "A Day In The Life" activity in which political, government, and private sector leaders

will participate. This will look at some of the challenges that exist for people with disabilities and whether their facilities have equal access provisions under the ADA.

- (5) Public Works has also received training reference to Accessibility from the parking lot into the building.
- (6) Working with the Helen Keller Organization out of San Diego advocating for Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa to receive funds from the FCC to provide assistive technologies to people who are blind or deaf or a combination of both.
- (7) (7) Additional staff has been hired to support organization: Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Janelle Bog, VR-I; Social Worker has been hired and is pending the clearance process. His name will be announced upon completion. Question asked if additional applications for the IBP is being accepted as there currently about 100 applications received. Ben stated that the IBP covers up to 100 applicants. There are some applicants who have passed away creating open slots. There is also a waiting list now totaling 100 applicants with priority based on first come first served basis. Consideration will also be given on a case-by-case basis. It was also asked if there will be future opportunities for the IBP. Ben stated that funding for the IBP is coming from the Department of Interior's Compact Assistance Grant. As such, this is not an appropriated initiative and so final decision comes from the Governor's Office as far as which agencies receive the grant. As of right now, there is no firm decision for the IBP to receive continued funding, but he will advise Council if funding has been received. Question also asked on the status of SRC Membership. Ben mentioned that they are currently in the recruitment process.
- Workforce Development Training to be held on June 15, 16, & 17, 2015 at the Pacific Star Main Ballroom and sponsored by the US Attorney's Office. Council Members are invited to attend if interested. The GDDC can assist to register on-line for those who do not have internet access. Mrs. Ada will be doing a short presentation on June 16. Information on conference is included in packet.
- DISID will be participating in a training: "Working With Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities." This will be a comprehensive workshop in which a number of Government Agencies including the Federal Government will be participating. Council Members are encouraged to attend.
- The old Good Will Facility building across JFK is going to be demolished. DISID working with the Guam Trades Academy to apply for a federal grant for a Workforce and Development Training Center to be located at that site. The center will focus on the construction phase: plumbing, electrical, construction, and air conditioning trades. The aim is for clients to be competitively trained to garner a higher salary. Space will also be reserved for the Guam Regional Transit Authority for the One Call One Click Dispatch Center. This will be a high-tech hub for transportation services. Construction looking at starting with the next year with completion expected the following year. Funds used for office space at the DNA Building can then be diverted for additional services like the IBP.
- GRTA to operate during the Liberation Day Parade, July 21, 2015. Schedule of operations during the holiday to be submitted to Council when released.

MOTION: ADJOURNMENT AT 1:16PM

MOVED: Moses Puas

SECONDED: Lou Mendiola

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

MARIE LIBRIA
GDDC STAFF

ERLINDA TYDINGCO
CHAIRPERSON

LISA OGO
COUNCIL SECRETARY